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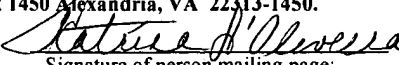
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, submitted herewith is PTO Form 1449 listing prior art references.

All of these references were cited on Application No. 09/956,407, from which the present application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the references are not being filed herewith.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (c), following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each foreign language reference.

- FR Pat. No. 1,528,906 issued October 14, 1968 to Borner discloses a supporting device for cutting onions, fruit, vegetables or similar products, which includes a concave hollow frame open at the bottom. The base is provided with several pins arranged concentrically. The said supporting device also includes an annular flange which protrudes outwardly and encloses the opening of the frame.
- FR Pat. No. 1,534,674 issued August 2, 1968 to Naundorf discloses an onion cutter comprising a base plate provided with a surface, or track, over which at least one knife extends. A carriage is guided in a straight line along the surface (track) in order to feed the onion against the at least one knife.
- EP Patent Application No. 0 196 550 A1, published October 8, 1986 to Borner discloses a holder designed to work in conjunction with a food slicer. The holder is a cylindrical box defining in its inner part, a chamber for the items to be cut. The box also contains an extractor consisting of an extractor rod capable of translational motion. The rod is attached to a feed plate that enables items to be cut to be pressed against the food slicer.
- DE Offenlegungsschrift No. 3642704 A1, published June 23, 1988 to Ninnenmann discloses an vegetable cutter specially adapted to dicing onions. The cutter comprises a frame equipped with two cutting devices attached transversely facing a slot through which the chopped onion pieces pass. Essentially, the cutter comprises a horizontal transverse blade and a longitudinal cutting knife equipped with a set of equidistant

blades oriented perpendicular to the transverse blade. The cutter is also equipped with a cylindrical box defining a loading chamber for the onion to be sliced and is capable of rotational movement.

The examiner is requested to review each of the references cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 and make them of record during the prosecution of this application as required by M.P.E.P. §609. The examiner is requested to initial the duplicate PTO-1449 form to acknowledge consideration and entry of each of these references into this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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